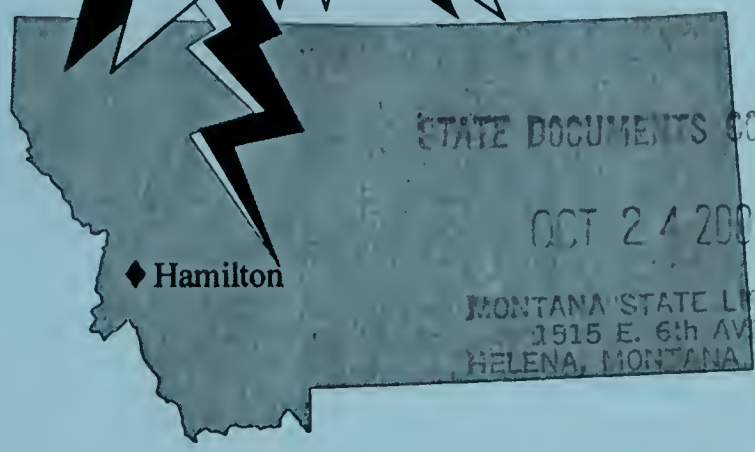
3
331.12
E10Lmira
1999

Department of Labor and Industry
abor Market Information for

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
3 0864 0016 1949 6

Ravalli County



STATE DOCUMENTS COLLECTION
OCT 2 4 2000
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
1515 E. 6th AVE.
HELENA, MONTANA 59620

Cities and Towns in Ravalli County

Conner ♦ Corvallis ♦ Darby ♦ Florence ♦ Grantsdale
Hamilton ♦ Pinesdale ♦ Stevensville ♦ Sula ♦ Victor

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at **http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/**. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Provided by the Office of Research & Analysis
Job Service Division
Montana Department of Labor & Industry
P. O. Box 1728, Helena, Montana 59624
Phone 406-444-2430/FAX 406-444-2638
Toll free within Montana 800-633-0229
Toll free outside Montana 800-541-3904
TDD 406-444-0532

9/23/99

Ravalli County

Located in midwestern Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's eighth most populous with 25,010 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Hamilton, the county seat, is the state's 28th largest city with a population of 2,737. According to the 1990 Census, more than 16 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work. The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

According to the *Montana Almanac,* by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Ravalli County households in 1989 was $21,113. The county is 2,400.4 square miles in area; 2,394.3 square miles in land area and 6.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons and the area is often referred to as the "Banana Belt" of Montana. According to the *Montana Almanac,* the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 16.3 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 12.5 inches. The average daily high in July was 84.1. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 18.53 inches and the length of the growing season 117 days.

Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	878,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Ravalli County	35,156	34,528	25,010	40.6%	38.1%
Darby	942	918	625	50.7%	46.9%
Hamilton	4,463	4,251	2,737	63.1%	55.3%
Pinesdale	1,036	1,019	670	54.9%	52.1%
Stevensville	2,046	2,027	1,221	67.6%	66.0%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

1998 New Businesses by Industry
Ravalli County

SIC Code*	Industry	# of New Busi-nesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	15
73	Business Services	13
86	Membership Organizations	11
15	General Building Contractors	10
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	8
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	8
58	Eating & Drinking Places	8
87	Engineering Services	8
65	Real Estate	6
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	6
54	Food Stores	5
80	Health Services	5
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	5
42	Trucking-Warehousing	4
75	Auto-Repair Services	4
83	Social Services	4
88	Private Households	4
47	Transportation Services	3
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	3
07	Agricultural Services	3
56	Apparel & Accessory Stores	2
81	Legal Services	2
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	2
02	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	2
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	2
72	Personal Services	2
82	Educational Services	1
01	Agricultural Production-Crops	1
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	1
38	Measuring, Analyzing & Controlling Instruments	1
08	Forestry	1
20	Food & Kindred Products	1
22	Textile Mill Products	1
48	Communications	1
64	Insurance Agents, Brokers & Service	1
49	Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	1
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply & Mobile Home Dealers	1
92	Justice, Public Order & Safety	1
	Total	158

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.
New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.
Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Top 10 Private Employers In Ravalli County
Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's	KMart	Salway Corporation
Alpine Log Homes	Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital	Super 1 Foods
Discovery Care Centre	Ribi ImmunoChem Research	Valley View Estates Health Care Center
Fox Lumber Sales		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
Fourth Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.
This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Ravalli County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	5,470	5,101	369	6.7%
1971	5,568	5,188	380	6.8%
1972	5,934	5,544	390	6.6%
1973	6,128	5,747	381	6.2%
1974	6,646	6,150	496	7.5%
1975	6,407	5,738	669	10.4%
1976	6,830	6,162	668	9.8%
1977	7,391	6,671	720	9.7%
1978	7,773	7,117	656	8.4%
1979	7,921	7,317	604	7.6%
1980	7,901	7,087	814	10.3%
1981	8,418	7,480	938	11.1%
1982	8,800	7,513	1,287	14.6%
1983	8,708	7,547	1,161	13.3%
1984	10,889	9,744	1,145	10.5%
1985	11,048	9,914	1,134	10.3%
1986	11,036	9,929	1,107	10.0%
1987	11,323	10,286	1,037	9.2%
1988	12,690	11,541	1,149	9.1%
1989	11,762	10,680	1,082	9.2%
1990	11,724	10,741	983	8.4%
1991	12,251	10,923	1,328	10.8%
1992	13,232	12,002	1,230	9.3%
1993	13,929	12,720	1,209	8.7%
1994	14,535	13,695	840	5.8%
1995	15,112	14,160	952	6.3%
1996	15,973	15,007	966	6.0%
1997	16,525	15,472	1,053	6.4%
1998	17,134	15,914	1,220	7.1%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	10,763	6,120	4,643
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	2,254	1,157	1,097
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	889	548	341
Professional Specialty Occupations	1,365	609	756
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	2,779	953	1,826
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	265	138	127
Sales Occupations	1,170	524	646
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	1,344	291	1,053
Service Occupations	1,524	436	1,088
Private Household Occupations	76	0	76
Protective Service Occupations	132	95	37
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	1,316	341	975
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	1,047	837	210
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	1,288	1,182	106
Mechanics and Repairers	411	405	6
Construction Trade	614	567	47
Extractive Occupations	16	16	0
Precision Production Occupations	247	194	53
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	1,805	1,528	277
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	749	579	170
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	654	592	62
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	402	357	45
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	66	27	39

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Bitterroot Valley Chamber, 105 E. Main, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Bitterroot Job Service
333 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-1822

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at **http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/**.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Bitterroot Valley Board of Realtors, 206 E. Ravalli, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2945

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/**. Cities of Conner, Corvallis, Darby, Florence, Grantsdale, Hamilton, Pinesdale, Stevensville, Sula and Victor Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Stevensville—102 Main St., Suite A, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-4388

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Ravalli Republic, 232 W. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-3300
The Bitterroot Star, 215 Main, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3928

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Darby Public Library, 102 Main St., Darby, MT 59829-0037, 406-821-4771
Bitterroot Public Library, 306 State St., Hamilton, MT 59840-2759, 406-363-1670
North Valley Public Library, 208 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870-2111, 406-777-5061

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Corvallis K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 700, Corvallis, MT 59828, 406-961-4211
Darby K-12 Schools, 209 School Drive, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3841
Florence-Carlton K-12 Schools, 5602 Old Highway 93, Florence, MT 59833, 406-273-6751
Hamilton K-12 Schools, 217 Daly Ave., Hamilton, MT 59840-0980, 406-363-2280
Lone Rock Elementary, 1112 Three Mile Creek Road, Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-3314
Stevensville Public Schools, 300 Park St., Stevensville, MT 59870, 406-777-5481
Victor Schools, 425 4th Ave., Victor, MT 59875, 406-642-3551

1,000 copies of this flyer were printed at an estimated cost of $100.60.

Ravalli Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1998

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,187	8,603	$175,272,235
PRIVATE BUSINESS	1,123	6,897	$131,639,911
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	43	245	$3,684,358
Agri Production/Crops	3	78	$1,328,832
Agri Production/Livestock	9	22	$349,952
Agriculture Services	23	101	$1,584,743
Forestry	5	19	$241,341
CONSTRUCTION	204	624	$11,786,962
General Building	88	209	$4,594,221
Heavy Construction	7	50	$1,881,368
Special Trade	108	264	$5,291,373
MANUFACTURING	102	1,097	$28,603,685
Food Products	4	25	$258,032
Apparel	3	9	$149,188
Lumber	54	694	$20,278,785
Printing-Publishing	9	87	$1,067,171
Stone-Clay-Glass	3	35	$968,297
Fabricated Metal	7	157	$4,197,550
Nonelectrical Machinery**	4	12	$281,172
Instruments	3	3	$84,240
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	6	20	$308,913
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	62	381	$8,380,998
Local Transportation	8	57	$292,644
Trucking-Warehousing	23	150	$3,453,920
Air Transportation	4	10	$158,469
Transport Services	12	64	$1,068,075
Communication	8	32	$956,424
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	8	65	$2,453,466
WHOLESALE TRADE	55	323	$9,489,843
Durable Goods	38	185	$7,324,437
Nondurable Goods	19	138	$2,165,406
RETAIL TRADE	234	1,932	$23,243,240
Bldg Materials-Garden	23	163	$2,785,763
Food Stores	25	496	$7,147,542
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	26	203	$3,477,737
Apparel & Accessories	6	32	$408,376
Furniture Stores	19	79	$1,198,050
Eating & Drinking	79	682	$5,217,515
Miscellaneous Retail	49	179	$1,944,879
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	88	429	$10,068,182
Banking	10	233	$5,771,748
Credit Agencies	9	12	$384,951
Security & Commodity	5	11	$817,292
Insurance Carriers	4	20	$453,540
Insurance Agents	14	42	$1,011,816
Real Estate	44	109	$1,610,724
SERVICES	332	1,961	$38,378,387
Hotels & Lodging	17	123	$1,376,562
Personal Services	18	54	$684,362
Business Services	46	101	$1,555,808
Auto Repair Services	25	96	$1,957,953
Miscellaneous Repair Services	16	36	$521,056
Motion Pictures	5	23	$89,853
Amusement & Recreation	26	112	$1,104,183
Health Services	52	865	$17,802,340
Legal Services	15	28	$525,625
Educational Services	5	25	$544,720
Social Services	19	150	$1,919,486
Membership Organizations	23	128	$1,010,641
Engineering Services	38	174	$6,835,789
Private Households	18	36	$398,164
GOVERNMENT	64	1,705	$43,632,324
State	10	67	$1,803,144
Local	34	1,173	$24,610,590
Federal	20	464	$17,016,590

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research and Analysis. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.
**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Montana	$3,558	$8,842	$15,038	$15,947	$16,541	$17,571	$17,590	$18,286	$18,872	$19,660
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Ravalli County	$2,946	$7,262	$13,467	$14,073	$14,599	$15,361	$15,605	$15,903	$16,173	$16,584
% of National Average	72%	72%	70%	72%	71%	72%	71%	69%	67%	66%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1999.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually. **Per Capita Income** is usually released late spring. **Population data for Montana** is released in late December and county data in March. The **Annual Average Labor Force information** is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The **other tables contain Census information** and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

1998 New Businesses by Industry
Ravalli County

SIC Code*	Industry	# of New Busi-nesses
17	Special Trade Contractors	15
73	Business Services	13
86	Membership Organizations	11
15	General Building Contractors	10
24	Lumber & Wood Products, Except Furniture	8
76	Miscellaneous Repair Services	8
58	Eating & Drinking Places	8
87	Engineering Services	6
65	Real Estate	6
79	Amusement & Recreation Services	6
54	Food Stores	5
80	Health Services	5
59	Miscellaneous Retail Trade	5
42	Trucking-Warehousing	4
75	Auto-Repair Services	4
83	Social Services	4
88	Private Households	4
47	Transportation Services	3
55	Auto Dealers-Gasoline Service Stations	3
07	Agricultural Services	3
56	Apparel & Accessory Stores	2
81	Legal Services	2
57	Furniture & Home Furnishings	2
02	Agricultural Production-Livestock & Animal Specialties	2
50	Durable Goods-Wholesale Trade	2
72	Personal Services	2
82	Educational Services	1
01	Agricultural Production-Crops	1
70	Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps & Other Lodging Places	1
38	Measuring, Analyzing & Controlling Instruments	1
08	Forestry	1
20	Food & Kindred Products	1
22	Textile Mill Products	1
48	Communications	1
64	Insurance Agents, Brokers & Service	1
49	Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	1
51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1
52	Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply & Mobile Home Dealers	1
92	Justice, Public Order & Safety	1
	Total	158

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
*SIC Code: Standard Industrial Classification Code.
New businesses registered with the Unemployment Insurance Program.
Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

Top 10 Private Employers In Ravalli County
Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's	KMart	Selway Corporation
Alpine Log Homes	Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital	Super 1 Foods
Discovery Care Centre	Ribi ImmunoChem Research	Valley View Estates Health Care Center
Fox Lumber Sales		

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.
Fourth Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.
This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Ravalli County
1990 Census of Population and Housing
Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	2,787	1,325	12	6	30	13	11	7	68	34	11	5
12-14	1,159	562	4	0	21	12	6	3	15	8	3	3
15-17	1,119	515	2	0	23	15	8	7	29	9	13	3
18-21	947	430	7	2	36	15	5	2	41	15	12	1
Total	6,012	2,832	25	7	110	55	30	19	151	66	39	12

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	18,633	9,534	17	5	198	108	48	32	240	128	63	25
16-64	14,514	7,294	15	3	179	97	43	29	214	110	58	22
18+	17,867	9,204	15	5	185	101	41	26	217	120	51	22
18-64	13,748	6,964	13	3	166	90	36	23	191	102	46	19

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	1,596	821	3	1	28	17	6	4	42	19	9	4
5-17	5,065	2,402	18	5	74	40	25	17	110	51	27	11
18-44	8,293	4,264	11	3	119	66	28	17	137	75	34	14
45-64	5,455	2,700	2	0	47	24	8	6	54	27	12	5
62+	4,897	2,639	2	2	22	13	5	3	29	19	6	3
65+	4,119	2,240	2	2	19	11	5	3	26	18	5	3
Total	24,528	12,427	36	11	287	158	72	47	369	190	87	37

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equel Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Ravalli County

County of Residence	# Who Work In Ravalli County	County of Work	# Who Live In Ravalli County
Out of State	23	Out of State	169
Deer Lodge County	14	Cascade County	11
Flathead County	17	Flathead County	20
Missoula County	263	Lake County	13
Ravalli County	7,933	Lewis & Clark County	11
Yellowstone County	10	Missoula County	1,604
Other Montana Counties	30	Ravalli County	7,933
		Other Montana Counties	52

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.